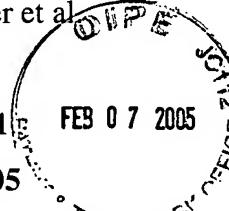


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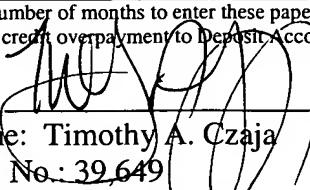
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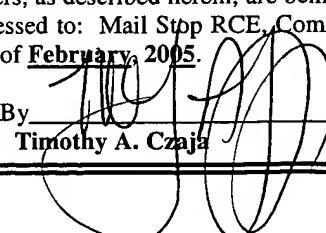
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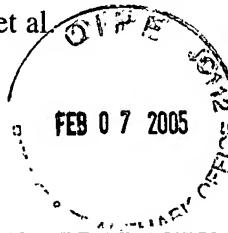
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
  - a.  Previously submitted
    - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on January 3, 2005.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply.
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
    - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500471**.
- i.  RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
  - ii.  Extension-of-Time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17).
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed).

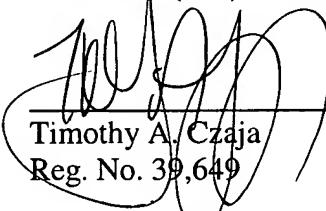
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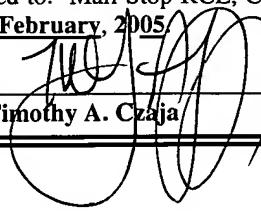
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